<u>Amendments to the Claims</u>:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings, of claims in the application.

<u>Listing of Claims</u>:

1-29)   (Canceled).

30)   (Currently amended):   A method of defining rules for performing a guard patrol of one or more checkpoints, the method comprising the steps of:

    a)   assigning an identifier to a rule to be defined;

    b)   assigning a date range during which said rule is valid;

    c)   determining a ~~schedule for when~~ <u>time period during which</u> said rule ~~must~~ <u>should</u> be followed; and

    d)   setting the number of required checkpoint visits for each location of said guard patrol <u>while allowing said visits to said locations to be in a random order</u>.

31)   (Currently amended):   A method according to claim 30, wherein said date range of said step (b) is selected from the group consisting of the <u>said</u> rule being valid ~~indefinitely~~ <u>always, the said rule being valid after a specified date</u>, the <u>said</u> rule being ~~invalid after~~ <u>valid until</u> a specified date and the <u>said</u> rule being valid only between an assigned range of dates.

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32) (Currently amended): A method according to claim 30, wherein said ~~schedule~~ <u>time period</u> of said step (c) is selected from the group consisting of specific days of each week, specific days of each month, and specific days of each year.

33) (Original): A method according to claim 32, further including the step of determining a time range for each day during which said rule is effective.

34) (Currently amended): A method according to claim 30, further including the step of reporting an exception anytime a checkpoint is not patrolled pursuant to said ~~defined~~ rule.